Consumer Courts in Karnataka

2638. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Consumer Courts set up by the State Government of Karnataka during the last two years;

(b) the amount of financial assistance sanctioned by the Central Government to strengthen the infrastructure of Consumer Courts; and

(c) whether Government have come across cases for diversification of such assistance; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) One Consumer Court was set up by the State Government of Karnataka in the last two years.

(b) Financial assistance of Rs. 2.50 crores has been sanctioned by the Central Government for strengthening the infrastructure of the Consumer Courts in Karnataka.

(c) No, Sir.

Enhancement of Quota of Levy Sugar to Orissa

2639. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the basis at which the levy sugar quota is fixed for every State;

(b) whether the State Government of Orissa has been demanding enhancement of levy sugar quota; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to enhance the allocation to that State during 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) The norm for supply of sugar in the Public Distribution System for most States/UTs, including the state of Orissa is 425 gms. per capita per month based on the 1991 census which is effective from 1.1.1996. In addition, Government also releases about one lakh tonnes per annum as a Festival Quota which is allocated to the States/UTs on a prorata basis linked to their monthly levy quota.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The quantity of sugar accruing to the Central Government in the levy account, under the current levy sugar formula, is short of the requirements for the PDS. In these circumstances, it has not been found possible to enhance the allocation of sugar under the PDS for State Governments/UTs by linking it to a more recent population figure. The Government of Orissa has been informed of this position. As such, at present, there is no proposal to enhance the allocation of levy quota of the State during 1998-99

Foodgrains spoiled by rains in Gujarat

2640. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains have been spoiled by rains in Gujarat during the recent cyclone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the value of foodgrains that got spoiled; and

(d) the details of foodgrains, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.